

The First Presbyterian Church in Pitman, NJ
The Seventh Sunday after Pentecost
Sunday, July 23, 2017 | 10 AM | Rev. Paul Grenier

For Prayer & Contemplation

“Defeating racism, tribalism, intolerance and all forms of discrimination will liberate us all, victim and perpetrator alike.”

-Ban Ki-moon

“Most Christian ‘believers’ tend to echo the cultural prejudices and worldviews of the dominant group in their country, with only a minority revealing any real transformation of attitudes or consciousness. It has been true of slavery and racism, classism and consumerism and issues of immigration and health care for the poor.”

-Richard Rohr

Welcome & Sharing Information Please sign the Fellowship Pad.

Prelude ‘Consecrated, Lord, to Thee’ - arr. Douglas E. Wagner

Call to Worship

One: We come to celebrate God’s blessings to us.

All: Surely God is in this place!

One: We come to open ourselves to God’s guidance and love.

All: Surely God is in this place!

One: We come to see more clearly God’s presence in our lives.

All: Surely God is in this place!

One: We come to see God in this community of seekers.

All: Surely God is in this place!

One: We come to pray, praise, and offer ourselves to God.

All: Surely God is in this place! Let us worship! Amen.

***Hymn No. 543** “God, Be the Love to Search and Keep Me”

Prayer of Renewal

Gracious God, in the fields of our lives, we strive to be fruitful, but we fall short. We get so comfortable that we sleep when we need to be vigilant about the errors in our own lives and the injustices around us. We are so casual about wrongdoing that it creeps into our lives and threatens to overwhelm the good we do. Forgive us. And help us to be alert and diligent farmers of your truth so that we can produce the lives you call us to live. Amen.

Moment of Silence

Assurance of Forgiveness

***Hymn No. 581** “Glory Be to the Father”

“Glory be to the Father, and to the Son, and to the Holy Ghost; as it was in the beginning, is now, and ever shall be, world without end. Amen, amen.”

Passing of Peace

Special Music *UrbanPromise Intern Choir*

Under the direction of Cleveland Johnson

Time with Children (Dismissal to Sunday School)

Pastor: It is time for you to depart.

Adults: God be with you there.

Children: God be with you here.

Scripture *Isaiah 33:5-22* (OT 661 | LP 808-10)

Matthew 13:24-30, 36-43 (NT 14-15 | LP 17-18)

Sermon “Weeding the Garden of God” –Rev. Paul Grenier

Presentation of Tithes/Offering

Offertory *UrbanPromise Intern Choir*

Under the direction of Cleveland Johnson

***Doxology No. 606**

Praise God, from whom all blessings flow; Praise Him all creatures here below. Praise Him above ye heavenly host; Praise Father, Son and Holy Ghost. Amen.

***Unison Prayer of Dedication**

Loving God, we offer back to you what we have been given: our treasure, our time, and our lives. Bless our gifts and multiply them for your purposes. Amen.

The Prayers of the People

Please contact the church office for a copy of the prayer list.

The Lord’s Prayer

Our Father who art in heaven, hallowed be thy name. Thy kingdom come, thy will be done, on earth as it is in heaven. Give us this day our daily bread and forgive us our debts as we forgive our debtors. And lead us not into temptation but deliver us from evil. For thine is the kingdom and the power and the glory forever. Amen.

***Hymn No. 475** “Come, Thou Fount of Every Blessing”

Benediction

Benediction Hymn No. 295 “Go to the World!”

“Go to the world! Go as the ones I send, for I am with you till the age shall end, when all the hosts of glory cry ‘Amen!’ Alleluia. Alleluia.”

Postlude

‘Sent Forth by God’s Blessing’ - arr. Douglas E. Wagner

**Please stand as you are able.*

Please be advised that our worship service is filmed from the balcony. Though the camera’s focus is primarily on the chancel, there are wide shots that may include parts of the congregation sitting near the front. Please promptly pick your children up from Sunday School at the conclusion of our worship service, and join us for coffee and fellowship in the Social Hall – all are welcome!



We thank the UrbanPromise Intern Choir and Cleveland Johnson for sharing special music with us this morning.



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"God's Open House"

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Thank you to our Worship Servers	
Liturgist	Betsy Wriggins
Greeter	Nancy Stewart
Ushers	Cathy Russo, Linda Waller, Peggy Price, Bev Donofrio
Tellers	Dan Enright, Liz Degori, Bob Webb

This Week's Calendar July 23-30	
Sunday 23	10 AM Worship 11:15 AM Mission Market Organizational Meeting – Social Hall (Coffee Hour)
Monday 24	7:30 PM CROP Walk Meeting – Social Hall
Tuesday 25	7:15 PM Stephen Ministry – Up Kitchen
Wednesday 26	8 AM Trustees – Church Library 4:30 PM Summer Lunch Distribution – Memorial Lounge
Thursday 27	
Friday 28	
Saturday 29	5:30 PM Family Game Night – Front Lawn
Sunday 30	10 AM Worship/Pick-Up Choir



This Week's Birthdays

July 24	Pat McConnell Salotti
July 25	Marcia Langlois
July 27	Stacy Staman
July 27	Maximus Weng
July 29	Andy Polhamus
July 22	Jim Scanlon
July 30	Mel Powell
July 30	Rachel Ledden-Albadine

May God bless you on your birthday.



*The Lord has done great things for us,
and we rejoiced.
-Psalm 126:3*

Sunday Worship Service @ 10 AM
Communion on the first Sunday of the month
Sunday School every week, 10:20-11:05 AM

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